

## Ulchi Focus Lens 2006 begins successfully.

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The 2006 Ulchi Focus Lens exercise began in Camp Walker, Daegu, today. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Ulchi Focus Lens which began in 1976.

The 2006 UFL exercise solidifys the Republic of Korea and United States forces alliance and friendship. The Soldiers gathered in Camp Walker Aug. 16 to execute one of the most critical annual exercises on the Korean Peninsula.

“It is a really important job. We need to make sure everyone performs his job so we can accomplish the mission correctly,” said 8th U.S. Army Band saxophone player Sgt. Tristan Adams.

Adams said the UFL exercise will be a good opportunity for officers and noncommission officers to have proper training.

“My goal in the training is to ensure security in OSCAR CP (Operations Support Center and Rear Command Post)” said Adams.

UFL is a computer simulation

Command Post Exercise. The origin of UFL is a combination of the 1968 Ulchi exercise and the Focus Lens exercise, which began in 1954.

For preparation, and organizational purposes, Soldiers deployed prior to the exercise. The main body deployment initiated Aug. 16 and participating ROK Army Soldiers deployed to their respective Command Posts. In order to save time, Soldiers loaded their bags the day before the deployment.

UFL is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination procedures, plans, and systems for conducting contingency operations by ROK and U.S. Forces.

With the regular turnover of military personnel, UFL provides the forum for all military forces to hone and maintain unit and individual skills that are essential to ensure interoperability be-







*Eighth U.S. Army Soldiers arrive for the 2006 UFL, August 16.*

tween the U.S. Armed Forces and ROK Military.

Over the next two weeks, the exercise will help, teach, coach, and mentor younger Soldiers of 8th U.S. Army while exercising senior leaders decision-making capabilities.

### The colors of the sky in Daegu

AUG 19		AUG 20	
	High T Low T		High T Low T
	84 F 76 F 29 C 25 C		86 F 75 F 30 C 24 C
AUG 21		AUG 22	
	High T Low T		High T Low T
	89 F 75 F 32 C 24 C		89 F 75 F 32 C 24 C

## The Spirit of "Hwarang"

UFL(Ulchi Focus Lens) is a routine, regularly scheduled summer exercise involving forces from HHC, 8th U.S. Army. It is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the conduct of contingency operation of the Republic of Korea and United States Forces.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the "Hwarang" demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single "Kook sun," the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of "Nangdo" to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

It is in the spirit of Hwarang this newsletter was created to honor the servicemembers and events of this year's UFL that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

If any of our readers know of any sections or individuals who possess this spirit of courage, intelligence and nobility, let us know by calling 764-3277 or e-mailing us at [hyung.jin.kim@korea.army.mil](mailto:hyung.jin.kim@korea.army.mil).

## Weapon Clearing Procedures

### \* M16 Rifle (5.56mm)

- 1.) Orient Weapon in a safe direction (Clearing container if available).
- 2.) Remove the magazine from the weapon.
- 3.) Attempt to place weapon selector lever on SAFE.
- 4.) Lock bolt to rear (ensure weapon is on SAFE).
- 5.) Inspect the receiver and chamber to ensure no ammunition is present.
- 6.) With No ammunition in chamber or receiver, allow the bolt to go forward.
- 7.) Aim weapon into clearing container, rotate selector lever to SEMI, squeeze the trigger.
- 8.) Charge weapon once.
- 9.) Place selector lever on SAFE

### \* M9 Semiautomatic Pistol (9mm)

- 1.) Orient weapon in a safe direction (clearing container, if available).
- 2.) Place decocking/safety on SAFE
- 3.) Depress the magazine release button and remove the magazine.
- 4.) Grasp the slide narrations and fully retract the slide to remove the chamber cartridge.
- 5.) Lock the slide to the rear, using the slide stop, and visually inspect chamber to ensure it is empty.
- 6.) Release the slide STOP to allow the slide to return fully to the forward position.
- 7.) Place weapon on FIRE.
- 8.) Squeeze trigger.
- 9.) Place weapon on SAFE.



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## Dress Code : When and Where to Wear



**In CP OSCAR: ACU/BDU, Hel-  
met , Protective Mask, Weapon  
(Low carry if rifle, No magazine)**

**on - duty**



**Out of CP OSCAR: ACU/BDU,  
Helmet , LBV, Protective Mask,  
Weapon (Low carry if rifle, with  
magazine), Eye Protection Gear**



**ACU/BDU, Softcap, Weapon  
(No magazine)**

**off - duty**



**PT Uniform, Weapon (No  
magazine)**

## CG'S UFL '06 SAFETY AWARENESS MESSAGE

1. Deployment for Ulchi Focus Lens'06 is close at hand. All the months of planning and hard work will soon be a reality. This exercise provides us the opportunity to hone our war fighting capabilities, validate our mission essential tasks and enhance our operational readiness.

2. While the exercise offers many training benefits, it also poses great risks. UFL timing comes at a point when we have the greatest inexperience given the number of newly arrived leaders. It is our largest exercise with an incredible number of moving parts, and Mother Nature gives us her hottest and most humid weather. It is a recipe for potential disaster if we do not have our heads in the game as leaders. The loss of manpower or equipment from accidents seriously degrades our readiness posture. No mission can be considered a complete success if loss of life or serious injury occurs.

3. Many of us in key positions have changed recently, and many of our fellow Soldiers will be on their first deer hunt, meaning they have never done a UFL here in 8th Army. Turbulence from turnover results in loss of institutional knowledge and can result in judgment errors that lead to accidents. Take time now to review operational plans, risk assessments and lessons learned from previous training events and UFL's to ensure that both safety and operational hazards have been identified, risk assessed and properly mitigated. Be sensitive to changes in our operating environment such as heavy rains, severe thunderstorms, lightning and increasingly hot weather. Given the length and intensity of UFL, fatigue will also be a critical factor that will potentially impact our individual judgments. Be especially cautious when moving heavy equipment, driving vehicles or refueling operations.

4. To increase our chances for an accident-free exercise, everyone's head must be in the game at all times. Standards must be understood and strictly enforced throughout the



*Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt*

By Lt.Gen. David P. Valcourt, Commander 8th U.S. Army exercise. During this UFL, one of our individual Soldier training tasks is proper handling, muzzle awareness, proper clearing and accountability of our individual weapons. Weapon immersion is a basic soldier task. We have seen repeatedly in Iraq and Afghanistan that failure to maintain muzzle awareness and properly clear weapons has resulted in Soldier fatalities. We are Soldiers first, and our personal competence and confidence with our individual weapons is a must. I expect to see weapons being cleaned and maintained during UFL. Transportation, both ground and air, will present the highest accident potential. Most motor vehicle accidents continue to be caused by excessive speed, following too closely, poor situational awareness, improper crew coordination or non-use of ground guides. Operation of high-hood profile vehicles on narrow, congested roads is inherently dangerous and presents a potential operating hazard to other vehicles and pedestrians. All drivers must be cognizant of vehicle blind spots and take appropriate precautions. It is unacceptable for shotgun drivers in the passenger seat to be asleep when the vehicle is operating. In Korea, driving any vehicle is a crew, not individual task. Remember, you "must go slow to go fast" when driving here in Korea. For aviation operations, human error and misunderstood crew communications continue to be the leading causes of mishaps. Inadequate crew coordination has been the predominant reason. To reduce the potential for aviation accidents, crew/team briefs and rehearsals must be conducted to standard. Continuing risk assessments must be conducted and address the issues of mission and environmental change.

5. Leaders at all levels must make on-the-spot corrections when observing unsafe acts. Apply the composite risk management process for all activities, including operations considered to be low risk.

6. My goal is for UFL '06 to be a safe, successful training event. To achieve this goal everyone must take care of themselves and look out for their battle buddy.

7. Pacific Victors!

## Authorized Sensitive Items (Weapons) Locations

(All locations are on Camp Walker unless noted)

<div>Authorized Sensitive Items (Weapons)</div> <div>Locations</div> <div>(All locations are on Camp Walker unless noted)</div>	Medical/Dental facilities	NO	
	Evergreen club	NO	
	On post AAFES taxis	NO	
Deployment ADVON	YES	Hilltop club	YES
Deployment main body	YES	Camp Walker/Area IV Shuttle	NO
Manifest call (main body)	YES	Chapel	NO
Seoul & Daegu train stations	NO	Tenant unit troop barracks	YES
Tactical vehicles	YES	Installation BEQ	YES
Trailer (any type)	NO	Installation housing	YES
TMP	YES	Section work areas	YES
Rental vehicle (on government orders only)	YES	Smoking areas & break areas	YES
KTX	NO	Work/Labor details	YES
Chartered bus (deployment & redeployment)	YES	Bridge	YES
DFAC	YES	EAOC	YES
Individual/Section/Unit physical training	YES	Butler buildings	YES
Gym	YES	Tent city	YES
MWR facilities	YES	HHC USATC-K LSA MWR/Cyber cafe	YES
Bowling alley (to purchase food to go only)	YES	Redeployment main body	YES
AAFES Facilities (excluding main PX)	YES	Rest stop (deployment & redeployment)	NO
Main PX	YES	MEDEVAC (ground or air)	NO
Main PX concession area/Food court	YES	Other installations within Area IV	NO
Commissary	NO		